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FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public schools have been permitted to teach foreign languages as a third language by the CBSE;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the ground on which it was included in schools;

(c) whether the options for foreign language are available in other Government senior secondary schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (e): As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), they have introduced the three language formula in schools affiliated with them including the Government schools. CBSE offers the studies of following languages:-

Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Marathi, Malyalam, Manipuri,Oriya, Punjabi, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Lepcha, Limbu, Bhutia, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Nepali, Tibetan and Mizo.

Out of the above, any three languages are required to be offered by the students. However, study of Hindi and English is compulsory at least up to Class VIII.

The studens are required to offer any two languages listed above in class IX and X, ofwhich at least one language should be English or Hindi.

Provision also exists for study of a third language which can be offered as an additional subject in class IX and X, if the student so desires.